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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT - OCTOBER 4

1. SUMMARY: AL-THAWRAH EDITOR ALI SULAYMAN CALLED FOR TOPPLING SINAI AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. DOMESTIC

OCTOBER 4 AL-THAWRAH IN ARTICLE ON ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER WAR CLAIMED THAT "EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT HAS EMPTIED OCTOBER WAR OF ITS POSITIVE PURPOSE."

3. FOREIGN

AL-THAWRAH BANNERED STATEMENTS BY PERES AND GUR CLAIMING THAT SYRIA WORKING TO ESTABLISH ARAB CONFRONTATION FRONT AGAINST ISRAEL AND NOTING THAT EGYPTIANS EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE WAR.

PRESS REPORTED THAT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE RELEASED SOME (RPT "SOME") SECRET CLAUSES OF AGREEMENT IN WHICH "U.S. COMMITTED TO SUPPORT ISRAEL MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY AND TO STAND AGAINST PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA IF CONFERENCE HELD."

PRESS CARRIED REUTERS DISPATCH ALLEGING U.S. AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH MODERN NAVAL AND LONG-RANGE ROCKETS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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YET USED BY U.S. MILITARY "WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SECRET CLAUSES."

AL-THAWRAH REPORTED NOVOSTI RELEASE STATING THAT SINAI AGREEMENT
ALLOWS ISRAEL TO CONTINUE ITS OCCUPATION.

4. MEDIA COMMENTARY

AL-THAWRAH EDITOR ALI SULAYMAN LED OFF HIS EDITORIAL WITH
COMMENT THAT "TOPPLING OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT IS AN URGENT TASK."
HE CAUTIONED ARABS NOT TO CONSIDER PRESENT SITUATION AS DESPERATE,
BUT INSTEAD TO WORK PERSISTENTLY FOR CHANGE. HE OUTLINED THREE
ELEMENTS OF ARAB STRATEGY: PREPARATION FOR MILITARY CONFRONTATION;
TIGHTENING OF ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AROUND ENEMY; AND INTERNATIONAL
ISOLATION OF ENEMY. HE SAID THIS STRATEGY MUST BE FOLLOWED UNTIL

"CIRCUMSTANCES BECOME RIPE FOR LAUNCHING MILITARY ATTACK FORCING
ISRAEL TO SURRENDER AND ACCEPT ARAB RIGHTS." HE CLAIMED THAT
EVENTS WERE MOVING IN ARAB DIRECTION UNTIL SINAI AGREEMENT AROSE
AND SET BACK ARAB CAUSE. EGYPT HAS GIVEN AWAY SO MUCH, HE ALLEGED,
THAT ITS ONLY RECOURSE IS "ADDITIONAL SURRENDER TO U.S. IN RETURN
FOR MOMENTARY HUMILIATING GAIN WHICH IT HOISTS AS A MISLEADING
PROPAGANDA DEVICE DIRECTED AT ARAB PUBLIC." HE CONCLUDES BY
REITERATING HIS STARTING POINT: "SINAI AGREEMENT HAS LED TO TASK
OF TOPPLING THE AGREEMENT AND TOPPLING THE BASES AND STARTING
POINTS UPON WHICH THE AGREEMENT RELIED."

MINISTER OF JUSTICE ADID AL-NAHAWI STATED IN INTERVIEW
THAT "SINAI AGREEMENT IS THE 1975 SECESSION WHICH DOES NOT DIFFER
IN OBJECTIVES FROM THE 1961 SECESSION."

RESEARCHER AT LAND INSTITUTE FOR PALESTINE STUDIES IN
DAMASCUS CASTIGATED AGREEMENT AND CONCLUDED THAT "WE HAVE
WASTED OUR WINNING CARDS."

AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST STRESSED THAT ARAB MASSES, DESPITE
AGREEMENT, REMAIN OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE "THEY KNOW THAT NATION WHICH
LAUNCHED OCT. WAR KNOWS ROAD TO ANOTHER OCT."

5. COMMENT:

SYRIAN PRESS IS FOCUSING INCREASINGLY ON NEED
TO WORK FOR "TOPPLING" AGREEMENT.
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